

PATENT APPLICATION
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EXAMINER: Thomas J. Mullen, Jr.

REMARKS

A **substitute** SPECIFICATION was prepared and submitted with the RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION filed on or about August 3, 2004. Applicant made proposed corrections to certain of the DRAWINGS and a complete set of these DRAWINGS, showing the proposed corrections in "red" ink, was also submitted with the RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION filed on or about August 3, 2004.

The Examiner previously rejected Claims 1 through 20 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention. In the RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION Applicant amended Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-15, cancelled claims 16-20, and added new Claims 21-26, to overcome the rejections set forth in the *first* OFFICE ACTION, but the form of the amendment was objected to for not technically following *new* Section 121, 37 C.F.R. §1.121. A SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION was filed on or about August 3, 2004 indicating the various claims, as described above, in the recommended format with the appropriate "claim identifiers", within parentheses, preceding the text of each claim as required by Section 121. In this SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION Applicant makes further technical amendments to the claims (as indicated below) and adds new Claims 27-29. No new matter was added by any of the additional claims as all of the subject matter contained therein was incorporated in the various cited claims and portions of claims, and the SPECIFICATION and DRAWINGS, as originally filed.

Applicant has requested the amendment of Claims 4 and 10 by deleting "operational" in lines 2 and 4 of each claim as presented above. Applicant has also requested amendment of Claims 13, 23 and 26 by changing "each" to --individual switches-- on lines 18, 6 and 3, of the

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respectively recited claims. Further, Applicant is requesting the amendment of Claim 13 by also changing "On and Off" to --On/Off-- in line 18. Applicant is also requesting the amendment of Claim 21 by deleting "electric" in line 9. All of these requested amendments were discussed with the Examiner in a telephone conversation on December 22, 2004.

In addition, Applicant is requesting amendment of Claims 13, 23 and 26 by changing "series" to --conjunction-- on lines 15 of Claim 13 and on line 3 of Claims 23 and 26 to avoid the misinterpretation of a series vs. parallel circuit in the operation of the manually operative activation and deactivation electric switch means for arming and disarming the selected mode by functioning in conjunction with the battery power supply means. Applicant is also requesting the adding of three new claims, Claims 27-29 that recite a further element of the invention, a low battery sensor and visual battery status indicating means as described in the SPECIFICATION at Page 11, Lines 22-24 and in the DRAWINGS referenced by the text.

In view of the earlier filed and foregoing amendments, Applicant submits that Claims 1-15, as originally submitted and/or as amended, are believed to overcome all of the technical rejections pursuant to Section 112 made by the Examiner and are believed allowable. Previously added Claims 21-26, incorporating the parts of the identified originally filed claims, and new Claims 27-29, are also believed to be allowable in view of the appropriate combination of function and elements and are fully supported by the textual description in the SPECIFICATION and shown in the DRAWINGS. Reconsideration of the CLAIMS, as originally submitted and/or as added and amended, is respectfully requested.

For the reasons set forth above, entry of each of the various amendments to the CLAIMS and to the corrections to the DRAWINGS is respectfully requested. In view of the amendments to the CLAIMS and the explanation concerning the correction of the claim language to meet all of

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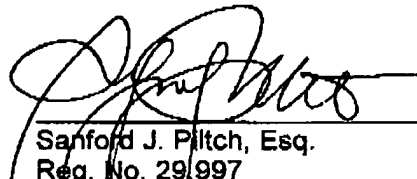
the grounds of rejection set forth by the Examiner in the most recent OFFICE ACTION, the further technical amendments to correct some additional claim language, submission of the SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION and proposed DRAWING corrections, favorable reconsideration of this application and an early NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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